

REMARKS

Claims 1 – 7, 9, 10, 17, and 20 have been amended. Claim 18 has been cancelled. A new independent claim 21 has been added. Claims 1- 17 and 19 - 21 are presented in the instant application.

In the aforesaid Official Action, claims 1-12, 14, 19 and 20 stand rejected under 35 USC § 102(b) as being assertedly anticipated by Radke, US Patent 4,726,352 (hereinafter Radke '352). Further, claims 1-7, 9, 10 and 15-18 stand rejected under 35 USC § 102(b) as being assertedly anticipated by Allen, US Patent No. 646200. (hereinafter Allen '200). Claim 13 is cited as reciting patentable subject matter if rewritten in independent form. Rewriting of claim 13 is being held in abeyance pending final disposition of the remaining claims. As explained in greater detail hereinafter, Applicants respectfully traverse these rejections and submits to the contrary that the present invention is anticipated by neither cited reference.

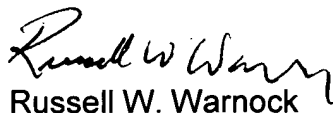
Independent Claims 1 and 20 have now been amended to clearly obviate this rejection. Claims 1 and 20 now include a first guide track attached to the door and a first guide element fixed at the pivot axis and guided in the first guide track, i.e. the door can move over the guide elements, guided by the first guide track with the guide system guiding the door along the first guide track during a pivoting movement of the door about said first guide element and the pivot axis. The claims further define a second guide track fixed to the housing and a second guide element fixed to the door and guided in the second guide track spatially separated from the pivot axis and movable relative to the pivot axis with the guide system guiding the second guide element along the second guide track during the pivoting movement of the door.

Radke '352 clearly does not include the two guide tracks and the two guide elements with the door including the first guide track and the door pivoting about the fixed pivot axis. Independent claims 1 and 20 and associated dependent claims, as amended should now be considered allowable over Radke '352.

Regarding the rejection of claims 1-7, 9, 10 and 15-18 under 35 U.S.C. §102 as being anticipated by Allen '200, as set forth above with respect to Radke '352, Allen '200 also does not include the two guide tracks and the two guide elements with the door including the first guide track and the door pivoting about the fixed pivot axis. Independent Claim 1 and dependent Claims 2-7, 9, 10 and 15-18 clearly now are allowable over Allen '200.

By the above, it has been demonstrated that claims 1- 17 and 19 - 21 clearly define the present invention over the cited references, and it is therefore respectfully requested that the present amendment be entered and that the present application be allowed and passed to issue.

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